THE PROCEEDINGS

To EXECUTION of the Sentence awarded againſt

Capt. Thomas Walcot, William Hone, & John Rouſe;

FOR

High Treaſon.

Who were on *Friday* the 20*th.* of this Inſtant *July* Drawn, Hanged and Quartered at *Tyburn*, for Conſpiring againſt the Life of the KING, and to raiſe War and Rebellion, in order to Subvert the Government, &c. Containing a Relation of what happened during their Impriſonment, and at the place of Execution. With their Confeſſions at *Tyburn.*

THomas *Walcot*, *William Hone*, and *John Rouſe*, having been Accuſed to the Kings moſt Honorable Council, by the Diſcoverers of the Plot againſt the Life of His Majeſty, of many Treaſonable purpoſes and intentions, and upon Warrant Iſſued out for that purpoſe Apprehended, they were on the 12*th.* of this inſtant *July* brought to the Sessions houſe in the *Old Bayly*, and their Arraigned upon the Indictments of High Treaſon found againſt them by the Grand Jury, for Conſpiring the Death of the King, and deſigning to raiſe War and Rebellion, and in order thereto procuring Arms, as Blunderbuſſes, Muſquets, Piſtols and the like, to which Indictments they Pleading Not Guilty; whereupon *Thomas Walcot* being ordered to look to his Challenges, in order to excepting againſt the Preemptory number, which is 35, of the Jurors, he made exceptions againſt all ſuch as belonged to the Lieutenancy, but in the end a Jury of 12. Men being ſworn, they were charged with, to try the Iſſue between the King and him, in caſe of his Life and Death: Whereupon Colonel *Rumſie*, M. *Well*, Mr. *Keeling*, Mr. *Bourn* and others, ſwore him preſent at divers Treaſonable Conſpiracies, Conſults, and Traiterous Contrivancies, that he was to Command a Party to deſtroy the Kings Guards, whilſt others Aſſaſſinated the King and Duke, &c. in *February* laſt, at what time they were to return from *Newmarket*, and that a Conſult was held to inquire into the day of their return, and that they differed about the particular time, tho afterwards they came to a Reſult, but that the Fire that happened at *Newmarket* fruſtrated the Intention, &c. On the *Friday* following being the 13*th.* inſtant, *William Hone*, and *John Rouſe*, were Tried for the Like Treaſon in Conſpiring againſt His Majeſty, him to Death, and final Deſtruction to put, &c. againſt whom the Kings Evidence depoſed, firſt, that *Hone* had agreed to be one of the Aſſaſſinates, and was to have a ſumm of Money to buy him Furniture for that purpoſe, as Horſe and Arms, &c. and that he had declared he was to be one that ſhould ſeize the Captain and Lieutenant, and that at another time he declared it would never be well till the *Blackbird* and *Gold-Finch* were knocked on the Head, and that both thoſe Myſterious Expreſſions, he explained himſelf to mean the King and Duke of *York*; theſe and many more

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were the circumstances that occurred upon this and the former Tryal, under the like circumstances was *John Rouse* Indicted for High Treason and Conspiracy against the Life of the King tending to the subversion of the Government, so that in the end after divers Arguments they were found Guilty, and the day following received Sentence to be Drawn, Hanged and Quartered, as the Law in case of Conviction for High Treason requires, when desiring their Friends might visit them, and time for Repentance allowed, they were remanded to Prison, where as Men sensible of the near approach of their dissolution they continued, being often visited by their Friends and Relations who came to condole their misfortunes, and to comfort them with seasonable admonitions to prepare for a future state, seeing their Lives were forfeited by the Law, and that Execution of the Sentence passed upon them would not be long deferred, forasmuch as all hopes of pardon was vanished, and whether a Reprieve for longer Life would be granted to them remained doubtful; the former and the latter being at the pleasure of His Majesty, whom they had so highly offended; whereupon they taking the cordial advice of those that regarded their happiness as to the Life to come, seriously considering in what estate they remain, and what a large account they were shortly to give before the Dreadful Tribunal of all their Actions, insomuch that at times they were not interrupted by Visitants, their serious thoughts were for the most part imployed in Confessing their Sins, and begging pardon of God for their Offences, during their abode in *Newgate*, the Sheriffs of *London* and *Middlesex* came to visit them, in order to perswade them to an ingenious Confession, as far as they were conscious of the Conspiracy of which they stood Convicted, the same Arguments used divers other Loyal Persons, but they seemed much reserved, saying, they had been brought to disgrace, and consequently to an untimely end, by their too much credulity, and that it was now too late to retrieve what was past, but earnestly begged pardon of those they had Offended.

Captain *Walcot* seldom appeared publickly, but kept himself to his retirement, either Reading or Conversing with particular Friends that came to take their last farewel of him. *John Rouse* was often observed busie as is supposed writing for the most part, but to what effect remains yet uncertain, unless a Petition humbly to beseech His Majesty to bestow his dead Body on his Wife. *William Hone* was most dejected of the three, the fear of death having in a manner stupified him, insomuch that he was hardly induced to answer to the questions demanded of him by such as came to Examine or Discourse him. This and such like was their behaviour, till they had notice that the Warrant was Signed for their Execution, and that they must prepare to dye as this day, which heavy tho expected news they received with different passions, continuing as Men that devoted to the Grave till this Morning, at what time being put into a Sledg, they were drawn to the place of Execution, attended by a strong Guard of the Sheriffs Men, and Hamblet Wardens.

About 10 in the Morning *Thomas Walcot*, *John Rouse*, and *William Hone* were brought to *Tyburn*, the former in a Sledg by himself, and the 2 latter in an other Sledg, when being unbound, they were helped into the Cart prepared for that purpose, and there for a while convers'd with the Ministers, who were Dr. *Cartwright* and Mr. Ordinary, both of them perswading them to make an ingenious Confession, according to the best of their Knowledg: Whereupon Captain *Walcot* drew out two Papers and shewed them to the Ministers, and those that were in the Cart, saying, that he had written them to read publickly, which when he was ordered to do, he with a composed Countenance did it Audibly, the first was in Nature of a Confession of his Enormities to God, wherein he desired forgiveness, declaring that he had been a great Sinner, and for that cause, God had

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ſuffered him to perpetrate thoſe Crimes, that had rendered him worthy of Death; deſiring God of his Mercy to forgive him his manifold Offences, and that all the World would forgive him, whom he had offended, putting up divers Ejaculations, deſiring that he might be an Example to warn others from daring to Attempt any Treaſonable Deſign or Conſpiracy againſt the Life of the King, after which another Paper he held in his hand, ſometimes looking on it, and other times not while he was ſpeaking or making his Confeſſion to the People, declaring, that he was Guilty of the Conſpiracy, as to the knowledg thereof, and that he was drawn into the ſaid Conſpiracy by People that promiſed him great things, but that now he plainly perceived there was no Faith in Man, as to the matter of the Aſſaſſination, he confeſſed to have knowledge of it, and that he had been Incited thereto by Evil-affected Perſons, whom he deſired God to forgive. Praying that his and his Fellows preſent, might be the laſt Blood that might be ſhed upon the occaſion of the Conſpiracy he confeſſed he had been at divers Conſults, and that once and no more to his remembrance, he had been in the Company of two Lords, naming divers of the Perſons fled upon the Diſcovery of the Plot, and Conſpiracy, ſaying, they had drawn him unexpectedly into the miſchief, he having not long before arrived in *England*, and that too late, he was conſcious of his too much credulity, which had brought him to his deſerved though ſhameful and unexpected End, deſiring of God to proſper, and preſerve the King or to this purpoſe, he alſo ſaid, that when the Conſpiracy was diſcovered, he was promiſed by ſome who had drawn him into it, to be ſafely conveyed into *Holland*, and that when they had decoyed him and were conveying him to Priſonward, they told him they deſigned to Ship him, &c. and ſo continued with penitential tears to bewail his Crimes and unhappy End, but would not own that he was actually to Kill the King, tho he was to be aſſiſting therein, deſiring the People to obey, and in all Cordial ſincerity endeared themſelves to His Majeſty, who well deſerved the love and tendereſt reſpect of his Subjects, this being the ſubſtance of *Walcots* Speech.

John Rouſe began to make his Confeſſion, when having deſired God to forgive him his Sins, he confeſſed that he had been at divers Conſults, and that he was to have Acted, but as to each particular he was Ignorant, but that he had been privy to many Treaſonable Diſcourſes, tending to an Inſurrection or the like, deſiring God to forgive him his many Sins, which he ſaid had been multiplied, but that he was above all ſorrowful for offending againſt ſuch great Light, ſaying, the cryes of a Wife and Children, were the chiefeſt Inſtigators to make him Ingage in the Wicked Deſign of which he heartily repented, and for which he had juſtly deſerved to dye, declaring, that he had been drawn into it by the Earl of *Shaftesbury* and others, who were now fled, and that he did not when firſt he entered into it, think the deſign had any ways tended to the touching the Life of His Majeſty, or that the Conſpiracy would have arrived to the heigth it at laſt did, and continued to expreſs his ſorrow and Repentance for his being ſo long concious of ſo Notorious a Wickedneſs, and not revealing it, which he attributed to the fear of his own Safety, by reaſon he had for ſome time paſt, been under Evil Circumſtances, and been rendered obnoxious to many Perſons of known Loyalty, and in Fine he confeſſed moſt of the Charge Evidenced againſt him, at his Tryal in the *Old-Bayly* on the 13 Inſtant, grievouſly complaining againſt thoſe that had drawn him into the Miſchievous Conſpiracy, begging forgiveneſs of all he had Offended in thought or deed, deſiring God to continue the Kings Life and long Reign, &c.

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Hone ſpoke little as to particulars, but in all general confeſſed that he was Guilty of the Conſpiracy, and was to have been one of the number that was to have Aſſaſſinated the King in his return from *New-Market*, and that *Goodenough* and others had by many perſwaſions prevailed with him, to undertake what he did, he likewiſe confeſſed he had told Mr. *weſt*, he had ſpoke with *Goodenough*, and related to him the meaſures that he was to take, ſaying, that he had agreed to be one in the Aſſaſſination with divers other Circumſtances of which theſe are the moſt material, tho indeed his Diſcourſe was but ſhort in reſpect to the two former.

The Confeſſions thus made or as near as could be taken, thus or to this effect the Miniſters Prayed with them, and ſung a Pſalm after which, they ſeverally deſired to ſay a Prayer of themſelves, which was granted, Captain *Walcot* beginning firſt, who prayed fervently, as being throughly ſenſibly of his Offence, deſiring the Prayers of all good Men, next *Hone* made a Prayer, and afterwards *Rouſe*: Each of them ſeducing greatly to bewail the greatneſs of their Offences, asking forgiveneſs, eſpecially of His Majeſty, againſt whom they had ſo highly Offended, when being asked what further they had to ſay, they only deſired, that God would forgive them, and that all People would take Example by them, and not be Inticed or perſwaded to enterprize ſo great a wickedneſs as had brought them to ruine, though as they hoped God would accept of their late Repentance, and thoſe that heard them, and beheld their untimely end would take warning thereby, and avoid the like Temptations.

Theſe or to this effect they having confeſſed and declared, the Cart was drawn away, and after they had hung 3 quarters of an hour, they were cut down and Quartered one by one, their Bowels Burnt &c. according to the Sentance pronounced againſt them.

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